



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 866**

January Session, 2009

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**AN ACT CONCERNING NONPAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS IN  
CONSIDERATION OF ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS FOR PUBLIC  
HOUSING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Whenever the history  
2 concerning nonpayment of utility bills of an applicant for rental  
3 housing operated by a housing authority is one of the reasons such  
4 housing authority intends to deny an application for housing, the  
5 housing authority shall notify the applicant of such reason in  
6 accordance with this section. The notification shall state (1) the name of  
7 the utility company providing information to the housing authority  
8 concerning the nonpayment by the applicant; and (2) the telephone  
9 number of the utility company where the applicant may obtain  
10 services for development of a bill payment plan. If, not more than  
11 ninety days after the notification is mailed by the authority, the  
12 applicant submits evidence, satisfactory to the housing authority, of a  
13 bill payment plan with the utility company, then the nonpayment of  
14 utility bills shall not be a factor in denying such application for rental  
15 housing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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***HSG***      *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

***PD***        *Joint Favorable*